

**Boulevard Planning Group Minutes/Summary
Meeting Held on August 7, 2008**

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. All members present: Marilyn Polen, Pat Stuart, Jeff McKernan, Donna Tisdale, Bill Parsons, Darlene Koczka, and Chris Noland. *July 3, 2008 minutes were approved. M/S: Noland/Stuart: 6-0-1 with Marilyn Polen abstaining due to absence. Correspondence was reviewed with each agenda item it addressed.*

5. NEW BUSINESS

A: SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS (SVP) IN BOULEVARD:

Pat Stuart recused herself based on the proximity of her property to that of a proposed home for SVP's off of Jewel Valley Road. Another home in Tierra Heights, owned by the same family, is under consideration for the placement of other SVPs as well. Stuart reported that Megan's website lists 18 sex offenders in Boulevard and 2 SVP in Jacumba. Liberty Health Care reportedly gets paid \$8,000 a month by the State per SVP, which includes a rent, a driver, housekeeper, and more. The SVPs are supposed to be monitored at all times. Dianne Jacob's staff informed Stuart that a Mr. Norman may be released soon and, according to his attorney, may be placed in Jacumba. Stuart's neighbor Jose Carbahol reported that his wife has already had a run in with a registered sex offender, in their neighborhood, who allegedly threatened to kill her. Concerns were raised about the unsettling situation, especially with the remote bus stops where school kids are vulnerable. At certain times of year, they have to wait for the bus in the dark early morning hours. *The Board voted that a letter be sent out to all respective elected officials requesting that they intervene. M/S: Polen/Koczka. 7-0-0.*

B: BLM INCREASES WIND ENERGY ACCESS TO 20,000 ACRES OF PUBLIC

LAND: BLM has increased access for wind energy projects for private development from 6,900 acres to over 20,000. Two representatives from BLM, Erin Dreyfuss and Tom Zale, were in attendance and introduced the proposed significant changes to the Final EIS and Proposed Resource Management Plan for Eastern San Diego County. Even though it has appeared that the community input is set aside, BLM sent Tom Zale to say that they wanted community input. Tom offered a few handouts with colored maps showing the significant downgrades to the Visual Resource Management Classifications to allow wind energy access. In response to previous requests of both Tisdale and Noland, 2 sets of copies of the protest letters provided. He said only nine (9) protest letters were received, two (2) being Donna Tisdale's and Chris Noland's. The majority of identification information contained in these letters was blacked out. Also, some "protest" letters were considered "comment" letters and not included. This denial of information caused uproar with all in attendance. Community members present asked that the public comment deadline be extended and objected to the blacked out portions of information. Zale said not to expect an extension and expected strict comment deadline would be enforced. Zale did answer our questions as to where we could request the blacked out information: BLM Washington office, Director James Caswell, www.BLM.gov. The recent fire involving a wind turbine near Palm Springs was also raised as a related concern. *The Board voted to have the Chair finish her draft letter, regarding the significant changes in the*

supplemental EIS, opposing the previous downgrading of the Visual Resource Management Classifications, plus other concerns. Then have two (2) Board members, Bill Parsons and Chris Noland to review it prior to sending it by the August 27th deadline. M/S: Parsons/McKernan. 7-0-0.

C: COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE/CONSERVATION SUBDIVISIONS: A separate meeting is needed to go over the extensive information regarding the community plan. It was agreed that the plan would be reviewed at our next Board meeting on September 4th, with a special community meeting on September 11th, to work on a new and improved plan.

6. OLD BUSINESS, UPDATES

A: NOVEMBER ELECTIONS FOR ODD NUMBERED SEATS ON PLANNING GROUP: This election ballot will include our Board's three incumbent members, Bill Parsons, Jeff McKernan and Chris Noland. Marilyn Polen is not running for re-election. Also running for a seat on the board are Cheryl Lenz, Frankie (Smith) Thibodeau, Ken Venable. When candidates were asked to raise a hand, Cheryl Lenz was the only candidate present. The absence of the other candidates was noted as was Lenz's regular attendance and interest in the land use issues Boulevard is facing.

B: SUNRISE POWERLINK RECIRCULATED DEIR/EIS: After an update and discussion on the project and related projects, *the Board voted to have the Chair draft a letter, addressing the La Rumorosa and southern route issues in the recirculated Draft EIS/EIR, other local and cumulative impacts, and opposing the Powerlink in its entirety with members Chris and Bill to review prior to sending it. M/S: McKernan/Polen. 7-0-0.*

C: DEPT. OF ENERGY SCOPING HEARING: SEMPRA'S BAJA WIND APPLICATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PERMIT FOR CROSS-BORDER 500KV LINE AT JACUMBA (DOE docket no. PP-334):

The Chair gave an update of the project and related issues, which include a 500 kV cross border power line, to serve about 500-600 industrial turbines at the border in Jacumba; a separate review process for a new substation and 14 miles of 69 kV line from Boulevard to Jacumba and an expanded Boulevard substation. There was a group discussion with everyone opposed the proposal. Everyone was encouraged to attend the Department of Energy hearing on August 26th in Jacumba. *The Board voted to have the Chair draft and submit a comment letter by the deadline of Sept. 3rd, asking for a full EIS, opposing the cross-border powerline, Baja turbines and raising other concerns with cumulative impacts and potential for gas fire plants and security risks. M/S: Stuart/Parsons. 7-0-0.*

D: SDG&E'S PROPOSED ECO SUBSTATION AND 14 MILES OF NEW TRANSMISSION LINE REQUIRED FOR WIND GENERATION PROJECTS:

An update was given noting that SDG&E has not yet filed for an application from the CPUC for this project, which includes a new 80-acres substation in Jacumba, expanding the Boulevard Substation from ¼ to ¾ acres and 14 miles of new 69 kV line in new and

expanded easements. The project is connected to the McCain Valley wind project, the La Rumorosa project and to Sunrise Powerlink.

E: GOLDEN ACORN CASINO/HOTEL PROPOSED EXPANSION:

There was a second tribal election on July 25th. No information on the newly elected board and their position on this proposal. No new updates.

F: CAMPO LANDFILL: Supplemental draft EIS release to the EPA was delayed again. No word on new tribal leaders position on this project. No new update.

G: GENERAL PLAN UPDATE: Ongoing process with Steering Committee meetings reviewing the draft land use element, conservation subdivisions, community plans and other issues.

H: TRAIL SYSTEM POTENTIAL FOR BOULEVARD: Update tentatively planned for September meeting.

I: MULTIPLE SPECIES CONSERVATION PLAN (MSCP) FOR EAST COUNTY: County trying to identify sensitive habitat for protection from over development. No new information.

J: WIND ENERGY PROJECT IN MCCAIN VALLEY: The Chair gave an update on PMM Energy/Iberdrola Renewables project. According to Ed Clark, they are still working on project access and Right of Way easement agreements with adjacent landowners. They do not have to bid on the increased wind energy access for BLM lands due to the existing Right of Way. They need access to Lark Canyon OHV area for more turbines. They will be submitting a new Plan of Development for a larger project based on BLM's proposed significant changes allowing for more wind energy development.

K: WEST-WIDE ENERGY CORRIDOR PROGRAMMATIC EIS:

Boulevard, Jacumba, and Campo have been designated a Federal Energy Corridor, including multiple power lines, phone lines, fiber optic lines, gas, oil, and hydrogen pipelines. A legal challenge has been filed addressing this and other national energy corridor designations. There is no new update.

L: LANSING COMPANIES: Mr. Lansing has so far declined to share his water testing with a county groundwater geologist to include in the General Plan Update groundwater model. It was stated by Joe Seblaban, a Lansing representative, 858-523-0719, that the "How Do" BBQ raised a lot of negative and positive feedback. The Board members attending this event said they found that nothing new was added to information already given out and that Mr. Lansing also used this medium to reiterate his threats of what was to come if the community did not go along with his plans: landfills, prisons, mining and wind turbines. Lansing wants to exclude 19,000 acres from the General Plan Update. Most present at the meeting agreed that it appears that Lansing bought property in Boulevard to build a new town and turn a profit, without fully researching the area, what would be allowed by county zoning and regulations, and how the majority of the landowners felt about significant change. A majority of locals at the BBQ and those present at the meeting expressed their desire to keep their rural lifestyle and slower managed growth, not suburban or urban type development.

M: INVENERGY: There is still no announcement or proposal by Invenergy for their planned wind energy development here in Boulevard. Invenergy has approached several landowners here for easement access and the county has also been contacted regarding installation of a meteorological test tower. Brit Coupens, an Invenergy representative, was in attendance at this meeting, and others. When asked if he was working with Lansing he admitted only to having introduced himself to Greg Lansing.

7. NON-AGENDA ITEMS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Boulevard BBQ scheduled from 6-10:00 on August 9th. The new Border Patrol station is holding a BBQ, open house, and special tour of their new facility on August 8th as well.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Darlene K. Koczka, Secretary, 8-22-08